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In re Patent Application of

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For: STRUT SLIDING BEARING

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 3, 2009 (for which petition is hereby made for a three month extension of time), Applicants request reconsideration based on the following remarks.

Claims 1-4 and 6-14 are pending.

Claims 1-4 and 6-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over JP200-257146 (which the Examiner takes as the U.S. equivalent of U.S. Patent No. 6,918,701 to Ueno). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is directed to a strut slide bearing comprising an upper casing made of a synthetic resin and having an annular lower surface, a lower casing which is made of a synthetic resin, is superposed on said upper casing so as to be rotatable about an axis of said upper casing,